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Explanation of Stand Is Given by Faculty Athletic Committee

Nine Instructors Prepare Article to Set Forth Clearly Some of the Reasons Why They Believe the Addition of Black to the School Colors of Green and White in Playing Equipment for Bearcat Athletic Teams is a Desirable Thing.

After having some four or five meetings on the subject, the Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics has decided to explain its reasons for believing it desirable to use black as a basic color in playing equipment for the College athletic teams.

This is a question which has caused a small controversy in the College, and which has never been fully settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The matter was first brought up several weeks ago, but the faculty committee has indicated its belief that both sides of the question have not been thoroughly enough explained.

After studying the matter from all angles, the committee has prepared an article for the Northwest-Missourian, giving certain facts which point toward the desirability of using black for a basic color in addition to the school colors of green and white.

The committee is of one mind in that it does not favor a change or alteration in the actual school colors, but it also believes that reasons for using black in the playing equipment are sound.

Following is the article as submitted by the committee, of which Mr. Wilson is chairman. The other members are: Mr. Cook, Mr. Eek, Mr. Withington, Mr. Hake, Mr. Whiffen, Mr. Mapel, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Jones.

To Explain Reasons

The question of using black as a basic color with green and white trimmings in the playing equipment of our athletic teams has been debated more or less already, but it is questionable if the reasons for the proposed change have been clearly brought out. So far as the committee on athletics has been able to determine, the objections are based largely on sentimental reasons. The purpose of this article is to set forth clearly some of the reasons why this change is desirable.



Mr. Wilson

As regards the use of equipment at our institution, positive information is available only since the season of 1922. It is just possible that black equipment was worn at some previous time as several black football jerseys were among other relics in the store room in the fall of 1923. This is uncertain however as the said jerseys evidently had seen several years service, and might have been originally the property of individuals.

History of Jerseys

Jerseys on hand in the fall of 1923, ordered by Coach Maynor in the spring, were green in color with white striped sleeves. They were very inferior in quality. At the time of the first game of the season with Peru S. T. C., somewhere about the last of September, these jerseys created a decidedly unfavorable impression. They were of a distinct ground color. Peru's team, superbly equipped, presented a striking contrast when the two teams took the field. Several Maryville supporters who witnessed the contest, the president of the institution among them, remarked about the poor appearance of the Maryville uniforms. The matter was taken up by the proper authorities and it was decided that the Bears should have new jerseys. The Wesleyan game, opening the home season, was only a few days' off. Ignorant as to the staying qualities and wearing ability as well as many other disadvantages of green jerseys, the poor condition of the jerseys in our possession was attributed to faulty quality only. As the white was streaked with green, it was decided that a solid color would be more satisfactory, both from the point of looks and of service.

Had None in Stock

An attempt was made to obtain some solid green jerseys. At least a dozen firms were investigated and not one of them carried a stock color of green. Almost without exception their stock colors were white, dark blue, red and black. Green could not be obtained without a special order requiring anywhere from 15 to 30 days time.

It was then decided to order red jerseys and the Bears wore red for the remaining nine games of the season.

In the fall of 1924 a jersey of solid green was tried out, the jersey being of a quality of high standard. Not only did the jersey fade early but raggedness due to the "eating" qualities of green dye, caused the jerseys to be replaced in the middle of the season. Incidentally, the white headgear which we decided to wear with the solid green jersey, also proved a great disappointment, the process of producing white leather having somewhat the same effect on the material as the green dye.

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Paid a High Price

In the fall of 1925 it was decided to buy the best green jersey on the market, in the hope that the superior quality would overcome the trouble. Thirty new jerseys were bought at a cost of six dollars and fifty cents each. They were good looking but the result was almost the same. In a short time they were no longer the original color and soon were full of holes. The head-gears had been changed to green with white stripes. This proved a success, green dye evidently having no special harmful effect on leather. But the jerseys again had to be replaced in the middle of the season.

Last fall an extra heavy jersey of solid green color was obtained. It was far heavier than a football jersey should be. Bright dollars and fifty cents was the price paid. Everything that could be done to obtain a jersey that would retain its appearance was done by those in charge, even to the extent of notifying the manufacturer of the trouble experienced. It was then that information was gained of the fact that the manufacturer would not guarantee the sweater of the color green. The sweaters came, were put into use and the result was almost identical to the one before. Fading quickly occurred although the wearing quality, due to the jersey being much heavier, was a great deal better. It was after this last endeavor that the athletic authorities thought to again rely on another color, as they had done in 1923.

Same in Basketball

In the basketball season of 1923-24, white and green striped sweaters were used with white felt trunks. The result was the same as in football, only worse. The green soon faded into the white. The white trunks, coming often in contact with the floor, did not stay white long and it was exceedingly difficult and troublesome to have them dry cleaned. Basketball trunks are different from gymnasium trunks. They are made of felt and are padded on the hips and cannot be washed. By the end of the season, the necessity for a change was evident. The next season green trunks with white jerseys were worn. The result was yellow trunks and streaked jerseys. The consensus of opinion was that it was not satisfactory. The next year, the year in which the authorities were still trying to stabilize the color green, solid green jerseys and solid white trunks, the white being required by a conference rule, were worn with black trunks trimmed in green. These trunks look as good this year as they did last, but the green jerseys have taken on their customary yellow hue and the white sweaters, always dirty and always requiring cleaning, are kept in the store room and only issued to the team just before the games. They are necessary, due to the conference rule requiring all M. I. A. A. teams to appear in white jerseys when playing at home.

Warm-up Suits in 1924-25

Warm-up suits of green were first used in the season of 1924-25. Such suits are a comparatively recent addition to the equipment of basketball teams. They set off the appearance of a basketball team far more than any other article of apparel, in addition to their primary value of warmth. At the end of the season our green suits were both extremely worn and faded.

Again in 1925-26 green was tried. It failed as it had in every other instance.

With all these disappointments and failures, it was decided that it was useless to expect green to hold up under the extreme use to which it is constantly subjected. The Athletic Director placed a tentative order for black bas-

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Well Supplied

There is not another boy in this town as clever as my Charles!" "Go on; how is that?" "Well, look at those two chairs. My Charles made them all out of his own head, and he has enough wood left to make an armchair!"

Professor in history: When do you think they'll recognize the Russians? King: Not till they shave, I imagine.

Springfield Here For Conference Game This Week

M. I. A. A. Season for College Bears to Open Friday and Saturday Nights. Conference Race Close.

The College Bears will open their conference basketball season Friday night, when they will play the Springfield Bears from the Southwest Missouri State Teachers College on the local court. The Bears will again be met on Saturday night.

Coches Lawrence and Jones have been working their squad overtime this week in an effort to get it into more polished shape for the opening of the conference season. The Bears have shown marked improvement in each game so far this year, and the coaches are hoping that they will be going at even a faster pace against the Springfield team.

A Defensive Position

Maryville is in a defensive position in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association this year. Last season the Bears captured the conference honors after a grilling season, and all of the four other teachers college teams are using as their slogan this year, "Beat the Bears."

To date, Maryville is the only one of the five conference schools which has not seen service this year in the M. I. A. A. contest. Six games have already been played among the other teams, and no quintet has emerged from the fray with a clean slate.

Warrensburg, with four games already played, stands high in the percentage list, with three victories and one defeat, and Kirksville and Springfield each have a victory and a defeat to their credit. Cape Girardeau, on the other hand, has won one game and lost three.

With the exception of one game, all of the conference contests have been close ones. Springfield went into the lead as far as a large winning margin is concerned last Friday night by defeating Warrensburg by thirteen points, 49 to 27. The night before Warrensburg had reversed the order by winning from the Bears, 30 to 28.

Games Are Split

Cape Girardeau won from Kirksville Friday night, 26 to 22, after the Bulldogs had won the first game of the series, on Thursday night, 31 to 28.

Warrensburg won a pair of victories at Cape in the first two conference games of the year. The first game was won by a field goal, the score being 31 to 29. In the second game, the score was tied 31-all at the end of the game, but in the five-minute play-

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Mr. Rickenbrode And Miss Hudson In New Positions

Former Is Now Business Agent of College While President's Secretary Becomes the Registrar.

With the tentative creation of the office of business agent of the College, the duties of the long-time members of the office force have been changed this week. Mr. Rickenbrode, who has been registrar of the College, is now its business agent, and Miss Hudson, secretary to President Lamkin, is now acting registrar.

In the future, Mr. Rickenbrode will devote his entire time to the business and finance of the College. He has been linking this work with his duties as registrar for a number of years, and it is more than one man can handle. In the future, therefore, he will be relieved of the duties of registrar.

Miss Hudson will handle all matters pertaining to credits and registration from now on. She will also be secretary of the committee on admission and certification.

The new arrangement is now in effect, although it has not yet been confirmed by the board of Regents of the College. Miss Louise Freeman was formerly assisting Mr. Rickenbrode and was acting as secretary of the committee on admission and certification. Recently she left the College to take another position, and the new move was made.

Not Yet Confirmed

The matter of a business agent is not new at the College. When the Board of Regents had its annual meeting last June the subject was brought up, but it was not settled and was held over. As an emergency action, the matter was tentatively settled by President Lamkin and Dr. Jesse Miller of Maryville, president of the Board of Regents.

In point of service to the institution, Mr. Rickenbrode is one of the oldest members of the College faculty. He came to Maryville as registrar of the College in 1907 from Trenton, where he had been an instructor at the Trenton Business College.

Also a Teacher

When Mr. Rickenbrode first came to the College, he was forced to combine teaching duties with those of the College registrar. It was not until 1922 that he was entirely relieved of teaching duties. Until that time he had taught subjects in the commerce department.

Mr. Rickenbrode will retain his present office, and Miss Holliday will continue to be his secretary.

Miss Hudson is a product of S. T. C. She is a graduate of the College, holding the B. S. degree in education. She was also a student of the Chicago School of Physical Education, and of the Gregg School in Chicago.

Miss Hudson has been secretary to the president of the College for six years. Her time, also, was divided when she first was associated with the school. For the first two years she assisted in the physical education department.

Which Is Which

Customer: "I want a pair of speck-rimmed hornicles—I mean sporn-rimmed hectacles—confound—I mean heek-rimmed spornacles."

Shopwalker: "I know what you mean, sir. Mr. Perkes, show this gentleman a pair of rim-sporned hectacles."

Sheeny: (In psychology class) Has differential psychology anything to do with any part of an automobile?

College Library to Be Moved to Old Gymnasiums

Workmen Now Busy Getting Ready for Painting—Two Rooms on First Floor to Be Joined by Large Doors.

Work is now under way on the rooms which will house the College library. This department of the College, which has heretofore been located at the east end of the second floor in the administration building, will now occupy the large rooms which were formerly the boys' and girls' gymnasiums.

Beginning the first of this week, workmen started preparing both rooms for painting. The walls and ceilings of both will get a new coat of paint, and everything will be done to make them as fresh and inviting as any part of the building.

For several years it has been the ambition of the College to move its library from the second floor of the building, and with the completion of the new gymnasium, room was furnished.

Two Rooms Are Joined

One of the primary necessities will be the joining of the two rooms. Two large doors will be cut in the wall between them. These doors will be large enough to allow a table to be pushed through. This will enable one room to be cleared for any College function which it may be desired to hold there.

The former women's gym will be the reference library, and the old boys' gymnasium will be the place for the bookshelves and circulation library. There will be tables in both rooms.

Present plans call for a number of changes in both rooms. In the east room, the ends of the circular running track are being squared. At the north end of this track there will be a sort of browsing room, in which there will be the one thousand best books of the library, chosen by the College faculty. These books may not be taken from this room, but students wishing to read them may do so at any time. An effort will be made to acquaint the students with a better band of reading.

Office in South End

The south end of the track will be devoted to the librarian's office, and along the sides of the track will be desks with screens, for students who wish more privacy for their studies.

The bookshelves will be stationed in two rows under the track. Between the rows of stacks will be tables, so that students may go to the stacks, select books, and sit at a table nearby to do their studying.

A platform will be built at the north end of the west room. It will accommodate (Continued on Page 4)

Plans Being Drawn For Athletic Field; College Farm Is Enlarged

New Quarter-Mile Track and Football Gridiron to be Between Gymnasium and Cottages and Fourth Street and Memorial Avenue.—Stadium Comes Later.—Forty-Five Acres Added to College Farm, A Growing Institution Under Mr. Kinnaird and Mr. Withington.

With plans now being drawn, it seems certain that S. T. C., is soon to realize its dream of a new athletic field. A new athletic field has been the topic of discussion for some four or five years. At several different times action has been taken toward it, but always some thing has intervened. And now it seems that things are in shape so that the new field is a certainty.

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For the present, all efforts will be bent toward completing the track and football field. Nothing definite has been done about the building of a stadium, and it is certain that this matter will not be on the immediate building program. Even the matter of bleachers will not be seriously considered for some time. The College now owns temporary bleachers which may be used in a pinch, and it is considered that the completion of the new field and track are of more vital importance right now.

To Use Old Field

The present football field and quarter-mile track will give way to grounds for the further development of poultry and horticulture by the College. Plans for this have not been completed, but Mr. Withington is making a close study of the matter. Additional room for the development of these factors has been needed by the school for some time. The exact location of the new field has not been determined. It will lie somewhere in the section between the new gymnasium and the cottages and Fourth Street and Memorial Avenue. The location of the field will have much to do with the date of its completion.

Dramatics Club Plans To Present Big Plays

The Dramatic Club is now working out a new plan in which a number of three act plays are to be presented. The first two acts are to be presented one night and the other act some night following. Different casts will present the various acts. Plays chosen for this type of work will be ones that are suitable for use in high school productions. By taking part in these plays students not only gain experience in acting but become acquainted with plays that may be used in later work. The club plans to give one play of this nature each term, so that those who will be obliged to do directing may become familiar with at least five three act plays of this nature during the school year.

Miss Eastman has had numerous requests from teachers in the field asking for information on how to organize and conduct dramatic clubs. Miss Eastman feels that the work which the club is now doing is of real value, both from the professional and artistic viewpoint. The first play chosen for this type of work is "Mary the Third."

The club has been divided into two divisions, one for more advanced students and one for those who are just starting in the work. The first division has presented for the last two numbers "Scenes from the Oresteia," popular English comedy on domestic life, by Somerset Maugham, and will present two scenes comprising the prologue to "Mary the Third" on February 21. This is a comedy on marriage problems anywhere, by Rachel Crothers, popular American writer.

At the last meeting two plays were presented: "Moonshine," a comedy by Arthur Hopkins, and "Three Piles in the Middle," by Rachel Lyman Field.

If it is necessary to move much ground, it will have to settle before the track can be built. If, on the other hand, not much filling has to be done, and the ground has to be cut down instead, the work on the track can go forward more rapidly.

It is estimated that with the slowest work the football field will be in fine shape for the 1927 season.

Farm Is Enlarged

The College farm is to be enlarged to almost twice its present size. With the signing of a lease this week, forty-five acres just west of the College park, were added to the farm, which is under the supervision of Mr. Kinnaird, chairman of the biological science department of the College.

The College farm will now be approximately 100 acres, and will be devoted to the production of crops to supply as nearly as possible the feed for the livestock now owned by the school.

The Murray nurseries are now using one acre on the new ground, and they will continue to hold this piece of land. Otherwise, the whole tract leased by the College will be used in Mr. Kinnaird's plan of rotation of crops, including legumes to keep up the fertility of the land.

Two full-time men, employed by the school will be used on the farm, and additional help will be secured when needed.

Has Eighteen Jerseys

The farm now boasts of eighteen purebred Jersey cows, which furnish the milk used by the College cafeteria. In addition, there are seven registered Poland China sows, which produce two litters of pigs each year. These pigs are marketed twice a year. The pigs are fed on the waste and slop from the cafeteria.

One hundred and fifty White Leghorn chickens are also the property of the College farm, and in addition there is a large garden, which is supervised by Mr. Withington. The garden supplies vegetables for the cafeteria, and hot beds in the College greenhouse furnish plants for the use of the College and for marketing purposes.

A record kept for the farm over a period extending from September 1924, to March, 1926, shows that a net profit of about \$800 was gained. The farm sells about two hundred dollars worth of milk each month and about fifteen hundred dollars worth of hogs each year.

Mr. Kinnaird said that the enlarged farm will be conducted along the most and most scientific principles. It will furnish an admirable laboratory for students taking work in agriculture, as well as affording a means of paying expenses incurred with the raising of stock.

Misses Franken Talk to the Newman Club

At the regular meeting of the Newman Club held Tuesday morning, the devotion was led by Miss Margaret Franken.

The first number on the program was a reading, "Encouragement," by Tressa Doltrich. (This is "an untiring attempt of a negro girl to force her boy friend to 'sposus' himself). Miss Kathryn Franken gave a talk on the life and achievements of Louis Pasteur.

Arrangements were made for a banquet to be given next Sunday night by the club, and plans were laid for the dancing lessons of the club members. It was decided to hold the dance on Friday night.

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"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the College. We will revere and obey the College laws and do our best to inculcate a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

BUILDING—BROADENING

This might well be termed the "expansion" issue, in view of the several articles telling wherein certain broadening programs are under way in different departments of the College. With work under way on making a new home for the College library, with the College farm increased nearly two-fold in size, and with architects at work on plans for the new athletic field, things certainly look prosperous for the school.

It is merely a coincidence, however, that these three things occur at once. They have all been the dream of the College for several years.

It has been felt for some time that the benefits of the library have been hindered by the fact that it has been in cramped quarters. With the former gymnasiums on the first floor turned into a big library, certainly nothing should hinder the growth of Mr. Wells' department. In addition, this will afford a large room on the second floor, which may well be used for a number of things.

With the signing of a lease for forty-five additional acres, the College farm is taking its greatest step in the rapid growth of the last few years. Since Mr. Kinnaird has been connected with the school, the agriculture department has been on the up-grade, and now has a systematic series of courses which are causing some of the older and more-established departments of the institution to open their eyes. Mr. Kinnaird has done more for this department than any man previously in it, and the more addition to the College farm is in a sense a tribute to his ability.

And the athletic field! Yes, that is another dream about to come true. For at least five years there has been a steady realization that a new athletic field is badly needed by the College. Several times steps have been taken toward a new field, but always something has intervened. An now it seems that things are going to run smoothly, and that we are going to have one.

It will be located near the gymnasium, instead of clear across the campus from this building, and it will have a football field which will not be a distasteful place to play the game when the sun is setting. Always, in the past, the team which faced the west in the last half of a football game on the present field was handicapped by the sun. That will be done away with.

All of which is good news, for it indicates a growth of the institution, and a broadening of its scope of service.

ABOUT THE BUDGET

The recommendations of the Missouri Tax Commission have been received at the College, and it is seen wherein that body elected to cut the budget submitted by the College for the biennial period of 1927-28. The report of the commission clearly would curtail the expenditure of all money for buildings and improvements on present buildings on the College campus. It also cuts out several items which were asked by the College for its program for the two-year program.

The tax commissioners are given a hard task. They must try to make ends meet, so to speak. With just so much revenue from which to draw, theirs is the task of appropriating the state money as judiciously as possible.

All of the state educational institutions received a heavy cut. In many instances item after item was slashed from the budgets.

But the actual outcome of the whole affair won't follow the recommendations of the tax commission. Neither will it follow the requested appropriations. The matter is now before the state legislature. It is with this body that the educational institutions of the state must deal. If the teachers colleges and the university can make the senators and representatives see their case clearly, more money will be appropriated.

In the case of the local College, the budget this year was prepared on a close margin. "There was no allowance made for a cut. In other words, the figures were not enlarged so that they might suffer a cut and still remain adequate. This is an honest policy, and it is on this honesty that the College stands its greatest chance of getting a larger appropriation. Each item was carefully discussed before it was put on the budget. We asked for just what we need—no more, no less. And we can honestly say so. That means a great deal.

MORE ABOUT THE TOWER

One of the most lasting productions of any school is the annual. The little white slips which register your grades will be lost; the subject matter which one strives to acquire may slip from your mind; but with each succeeding year the Tower will acquire a greater value. It will become a veritable possession above price.

When these long enduring qualities are considered surely we should consider every means within our power toward a better Tower.

The Tower is your book. Promptness on the part of every individual and the co-operation of every organization means an actual saving of money. The amounts saved by discounts go to add attractive features that would otherwise be neglected.

The Tower staff at the present time faces a loss of a discount because of the delay brought about by several organizations which asked to make up their own panels. The staff would heartily appreciate any efforts to help make the 1927 Tower a book that the school can be proud of.

Explanation of Stand is Given by Faculty Athletic Committee

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kethall equipment, trimmed in the College colors of white and green, with the Spalding Athletic Goods Company. White was most used in the trimming of the equipment, so as not to copy the Maryville High School combination of green and black, and also to be rid of the troublesome green as much as possible.

Athletes Wanted Change

In commenting upon his decision some time later, some athletes put the question regarding the changing of honor sweaters to black. The Athletic Director listened to their complaints about the wearing qualities of the sweaters they had received, and came to the decision that a more serviceable sweater would result. However he also decided that the question of honor sweaters, being more of a school question, should be decided by the student body.

Pending the action of the student body, he held up both the order for the honor sweaters and that for the playing equipment, thinking that still another color combination might be effected. Upon the vote of the student council vetoing his petition for a change in school colors, the honor sweaters for the 1926 football team were immediately ordered, the color to be green and the letter and stripes to be of white as in former years. He considered the complaint of the alumni who had won letters and of the students as justifiable reason for leaving the honor sweaters as they were. But the question of playing equipment, which is a matter of economy and team efficiency, he considered should be left to the athletic department to decide.

Being Done Elsewhere

In view of what had been done in past times at this and other institutions of the M. I. A. A., as well as in any number of outside schools, and being confident that in practically all of these instances such changes had occurred at the instance of the Athletic Director, he felt justified in doing what he believed would result in the greatest benefit to the institution by which he was employed.

There are good reasons for the use of black or white from a scientific standpoint. Basketball is not a game in which prepared plays or systematic team work are used as in football, and, to some extent in baseball. It is necessary for the basketball player to meet more changing situations than any other sportsman except possibly a hockey player. Think through all the basketball games you have witnessed and you will rarely find two plays or incidents in which all men have performed the same. The basketball player must know where the nine other players are at all times. This knowledge comes only from the visual mind, therefore, it is necessary to train a basketball player to see nine men and the ball at the same time. It is also necessary to train the players to decide quickly and to act on that quick decision. In fact, at first, it is better to act on the decision, even though wrong, than to hesitate. As a player approaches the point where the percentage of decisions which are right reaches one hundred, he is approaching the point of perfection. But perfection is rarely obtained. It is therefore the objective of the basketball coach, to train and coach the players so that, individually, their decisions on actions are right most of the time. This is especially true in regard to passing. A good basketball team of passers will beat a good team of shooters nine times out of ten. Quick passing will baffle the defense much sooner than sinking long shots. The former is basketball and the latter, luck.

See Easily; Pass Quickly

To insure quick passing it is therefore necessary to quickly sight opponents and teammates. Nine men and the ball cannot come within the direct vision of a player, which makes it necessary to see about eight out of the corner of one's eye, or as it is known, with the peripheral vision. Quoting from C. R. Griffith's "PSYCHOLOGY AND ATHLETICS,"

"We commonly take it for granted that the outlying parts of the retina are different from the center only in matter of relative clearness. But, as a matter of fact, we are all color blind over a large part of the field of indirect vision. The point of clearest vision, that part of the eye which is used

as you read these words, is wholly color blind at twilight and at night time, and it is only under brighter illumination that colors can be seen by any part of the retina. In the daytime there is a fairly small area around the point of clearest vision, the fovea, in which all colors can be seen. A little further out on the retina, away from the fovea, it becomes impossible to see the reds and the greens, and still further out, only the whites and blacks are visible. That is to say, a basketball player facing his own goal, would be unable to tell, without turning around, whether his own man in a red jersey or one of the opposite team in a green jersey, was standing at his right or his left, although both might be well within the range of vision."

A Scientific Reason

Therefore the best playing equipment for the betterment of the team would be black or white uniforms, and as we use white at home, we should use black on the road.

After Mr. Lawrence had presented his arguments for the use of black as a basic color in the playing equipment, and had advised the athletic committee that he sought in no way to alter the color of honor sweaters, and before the student council had made public its action on petitions from the athletic department, the Athletic Committee made the following recommendation.

"That the school colors should not be altered but that it was the sense of the committee that the discretion of the Director of Athletics should prevail in all matters pertaining to playing equipment."

Studies Other Schools

Not satisfied with studying the matter from purely a local angle, the Athletic Committee went into the matter of playing equipment used by other schools. It was called to mind that prior to about 1917-18 nearly all basketball equipment for universities, colleges, and high schools alike, consisted of khaki trunks and white jerseys. At that time sweat or warm-up suits were unknown. Colored basketball equipment, in the majority of cases, has been used only since that time. Colored warm-up suits are practically a recent innovation. The committee found that recently a number of teams have resorted to certain basic colors, irrespective of their school colors, for their playing equipment. It is interesting to note that among the schools following this practice, are to be found teams which are consistent champions in all branches of sport.

Instances Are Given

The Tulane University football team, known as the "Green Wave of the South", came to Columbia, Missouri, last fall, and in their battle with the Tigers, wore suits of yellow and white. In spite of the fact that green is the Tulane color, no evidence of this color was seen anywhere on the playing field. And, on the other hand, when the Missouri Tigers went to New Orleans the previous year, they also wore white jerseys, disregarding the famous "Old Gold and Black."

Northwestern University, co-champions of the Big Ten Conference in football last fall, disregarded the gold of its purple and gold combination, and played in colors of purple and white.

At the University of Kansas the colors are Crimson and Blue. Nevertheless, the Jayhawks play basketball in white uniforms trimmed in red.

Missouri University, also, uses a white uniform on occasions with school colors as trimming. And the Missouri honor awards in track are sweaters which invariably have white for basic color.

The Kansas Aggies seemingly have encountered some difficulties in the use of purple in their uniforms, so they play in black uniforms. Their school colors are purple and white, a combination which science says offers the same objections as green and white.

M. I. A. A. School Cited

In the M. I. A. A. "Warrensburg, with school colors of red and black, always used white, entirely for basketball equipment until a conference ruling made them play in colored uniforms while on the road. In football this year it was noticed that Warrensburg players wore jerseys of red, yellow and black.

So, the Athletic Committee felt that no precedent was being established when the Athletic Department urged

the use of black as a basic color for playing equipment.

The matter of sentiment has been drawn into the discussion, and upon it many are basing their objections to the use of any color besides the traditional Green and White.

The committee feels that sentiment is a quality which must be uppermost in the minds of all followers of school athletics, but it is in favor of any progressive action on the part of the present coaching regime which will increase the efficiency of our teams and help to maintain our present high position in Interscholastic Athletics. And because the Athletic Department has presented excellent reasons for the use of black in our playing equipment, which need not in any way detract from the sentiment which has grown up for the Green and White, it is the belief of the Committee that when the facts are known, the sentiment of both students and alumni will align itself with the view herein set forth.

In considering this matter, it should be definitely borne in mind that the school colors remain Green and White, that honor awards are made in these colors and that they should always be used as companion colors in practical playing equipment.

Tax Commission Report Received at the College

Places Where Budget Prepared by the Board of Regents Are Shown.—All Educational Institutions Suffer.

Until a copy of the biennial report of the Missouri Tax Commission was received at the College this week it was not known wherein the tax body had cut the request of the College Board of Regents for funds for the two-year period of 1927-28. The Board asked the General Assembly for a total of \$781,149.08, with which to run the College during 1927 and 1928, and the tax commission recommended that the legislature appropriate but \$405,649.08. The copy of the report shows what items were abbreviated by the tax body and it also shows that this body eliminated a number of items entirely in its report.

All Schools Are Cut

The tax commission did not limit its cutting spree to the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College. All of the institutions suffered, and building appropriations for all were slashed off. At Kirksville and Warrensburg an extensive building program was mentioned in the budget, but this was curtailed. Outside of these two schools, the college at Maryville suffered a greater cut than either of the two remaining teachers colleges.

A review of the commissions report

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shows that the item of salaries for 1927 and 1928 was cut from \$335,000 to \$300,000, and that a request for \$12,000 with which to carry on rural education work was cut from the budget.

Ten thousand dollars was recommended for books and equipment for the library, while the College Regents asked for eighteen thousand.

No Cut in Fuel Item

There was no cut in the request of \$30,000 for fuel, light, and water, but the requested \$20,000 for supplies and equipment was cut in half.

The College asked for \$15,000 for repairs and general improvements, and two-thirds of this amount was passed by the tax commission.

The entire building program, and the items for alterations were cut from the College budget, as were requests for appropriations for summer school, student labor, correspondence and extension, campus and grounds, bureau of research, and publications, totaling \$45,500.

The College had asked for \$200,000 with which to build a training school building, \$20,000 for alterations on the main building and extensions at the power house.

The tax commission approved the re-appropriation of \$45,649.08 to pay the balance due on the new gymnasium at the College. This amount was appropriated at the last session of the legislature, but was never available.

The Northeast Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville asked for an appropriation of more than a million dollars, and was cut two-thirds of the amount. At Cape Girardeau the cut was almost 50 per cent, and at Springfield it was from almost \$785,000 to \$45,000. The Warrensburg Teachers College asked for more than a million dollars and was cut to \$400,000.

The University of Missouri was not omitted in the action of the tax commission, its cut being from six and a half million to less than two million dollars.

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Feb. 16--- " " " "

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March 1 Bearcat-Kirksville Game

March 10-12---H. S. Basketball Tourney

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The Stroller

By I. I. I.

The achievement prize has been awarded this week to Mr. I. Q. Low, and his staff of competent assistants. In addition to dragging ten hours of college work, Mr. Low finds time to spend in the manufacture of confetti from waste paper. His activities are not at all limited to the library but those interested in seeing the various stages of manufacture can view the process best at that place. All those who qualify for a share in the award report to the library desk with a whisk broom and a waste paper basket.

Shuck Graham says, "There are lots of girls I like but I always prefer the other fellows."

There has been quite a little excitement around the school as a result of the charges brought by Gordon Joy, defeated presidential candidate of the Pollyanna Club, and his campaign manager, Wilbur Cox, against President-Elect William McCullough and his manager, Fred King. In brief the charge was that one dollar and fifty cents had been spent for Niles Moser cigars to influence the election. McCullough proved to the satisfaction of the organization that this money was spent on a five weeks supply. Those acquainted with the accused men gave no credence to the extravagance report at its inception.

After an extensive study and summary of his observations Mr. George Barclay advances the theory that "Dutch Treats" originated when girls started going to the confectionaries together.

At the Residence Hall Friday night, January 21, the orchestra composed of friends and members of the after-dinner club played several highly appreciated selections.

Kid Musicians Plays For National Meet

National High School Orchestra Composed of Students From All Over Nation.

A dramatic demonstration of the educational value of orchestras will be given before the national meeting of school superintendents at Dallas, Texas, the week of February 27, when two hundred and fifty high school students representing every section of the nation, will play in the National High School Orchestra. The call for the performance by the orchestra has been issued by Dr. H. J. Condon, president of the department of superintendents of the National Education Association, superintendent of the Cincinnati Public school system and one of the best known educators in the United States.

The program of the National Orchestra before the meeting of the superintendents at Dallas will mark the second appearance of the orchestra. The first performance was given before the meeting of the educators at Detroit last spring when the youngsters gathered from every section of the country played with practically no rehearsal under the direction of J. E. Maddy of the Music Supervisors National Conference. Membership is open to players who will be high school students next February, and precedence will be given to players who participated in the Detroit program. About 125 vacancies are to be filled, since about half the players in the previous orchestra are now out of high school.

In addition to the demonstration by the National orchestra, the Dallas program will also include discussions on the value of music in education.

Campus Comedies On Friday Night Given Good Hand

The Campus Comedies were well received by the student body and the public last Friday night at the Auditorium. They were sponsored by the Student Council and many varied and interesting scenes from the life in and around the College and Residence Hall were shown to the public at large.

For instance, all of us who have ever tried to make a "date" with some girl at Residence Hall recognized the customary "I will ring her" and then after waiting for ages and hearing every girl in the building asking who it was that was calling, hear the girl at the desk say "I am very sorry, but she doesn't answer the bell. No I think that she is out of town and don't know when she will be back." And all of the time we knew very well that she was there because we had talked to her up town not more than an hour ago, but such is life.

Then there was the one that took the "cake". No, we mean the one that took the first prize of five dollars. We heard an opera arranged by the youthful composer of S. T. C., Marvin Westfall, and sung by Vernon Barrett, tenor, and Paschal Mouk, basso profundo, Mr. Gardner's pride.

From grand opera the scene shifted and changed to the southern states and a negro minstrel was in full swing

There was Sambo, and all of the rest of the troupe, who were secured under the direction of the W. A. A., and a very pleasing act they gave.

Next came the scene of "Cutie and Abbie" with all of the trials and heart breaks of young love, when a fond father and mother are about to lose their one and only daughter. Many of the boys of the College who have proposed marriage at some time or other sank lower and lower in their seats when Cutie's father asked the young man if he had any "spondulicks", and sighs were heard all over the room from many of the eligible girls.

Although the acts were all to be comic, the Y. W. C. A. shifted scenes and there before the very eyes a tragedy was being enacted. There was the "Prince Charming" who "lived right up to his name, by jing" and the lovely princess, and the bankrupt father who intended to live off of the marriage of his daughter. Then the last scene where they all lay cold in death. This act won the second prize of two dollars and fifty cents.

The judges were all local persons of artistic taste and were authoritative on the subject. They were Mrs. J. Arthur Noid and Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Gadsby.

Springfield Here for Game This Week

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of Warrensburg won, the score being 34 to 31.

So, it seems that the conference race will be close. Although Maryville has not been seen in action, it may be felt certain that the Bearents cannot have a team which will outshine all others. And the games this week-end will not forecast the entire season, for the Maryville team likely cannot play as well on a foreign court as on one with which it is quite familiar. At Cape Girardeau, particularly, all teams encounter difficulties, for the Southeast Teachers have a cigar-box gymnasium.

About Same Line-up

Coach Lawrence has not announced his starting line-up for the game Friday night. It is likely that he will use much the same combination which has started other home games this year. Ungles and Hedges will likely be at forwards, Burks at center, and Captain Joy and Berst at guards. Ferguson, substitute guard, will undoubtedly get into the game at an early juncture, as he is running the regular starters a close race for position.

Both games this week will start at 8 o'clock. The Student activity coupon admits students to all conference games, and the west bleachers are reserved for them. It has been asked that students sit on this side of the court and leave the east side for townspeople and others not connected with the College.

College Libaary to Be Moved to Gymnasium

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date a number of persons and may be used for small group meetings. The offices which were formerly used by the director of women's athletics will be made into a seminar room for debaters or other groups where a number of persons study together.

Under this room will be a stack room and workshop in the place where the shower baths were once located.

The steps at the north end of the west room will be rebuilt. They are now quite steep, and a new flight will be constructed. Just west of this will be the children's library.

Everything Convenient

Everything will point to convenience, both for the librarians and the students. Just inside the door to the east room will be a book chute in which students may drop books which they wish to return to the library. This chute will go the charging desk, where the books

will be charged, off the students' name.

These are all tentative plans now. Certain factors might cause their alteration, Mr. Wells, the College librarian, said. Everything will be done to make the rooms as well lighted and well ventilated as possible.

Plans for the use of the present library have not been completed. It has been hinted that part of the space will be taken up by office rooms, but nothing definite has been decided.

It is not known how long it will be before the new home for the library will be completed. The painting of the two rooms will take some time, but work is now under way, and will be pressed forward as rapidly as possible.

High School Notes

Barnard High School

The Barnard girls' basketball team has disbanded because of sickness among the team. Our girls have only lost two games and are counted one of the best in the county.

The boys first and second teams went to Skidmore Friday, Jan. 14 and played the first and second teams there. Barnard came home with two more victories to its list. They also went to Burlington Junction Saturday. The boys drew Elmo and won that game by a score of 21 to 16 which put them in the finals. They lost to B. J. in the finals.

A basketball medal was awarded Geo. Adams in a basketball foul-shooting contest. Geo. won by a score of 19 goals out of 25 shots.

The Barnard High School has established an Honor Roll and an Honor List. Those on the Honor Roll are: Seniors—William Hartman, Agnes Smith, Wilard Hartman and Geo. Adams.

Juniors—Ruth Cook, Beatrice Daniels, Fern Dougan, Emyln Turner, Bessie Cole and Bessie Bare.

Sophomores—Geo. Hargrove, Nellie Donaldson, Leland Patton, Mary L. Sell, Marie Black, Anna Mae Adams, Loyd Stevens, Iva Daniels.

Freshman—Geo. Cole, Wayne McBride, Manswell Burns.

Eighth Grade—Leah Osborne, Pauline Nelson, Jacqueline Rush.

Seventh Grade—Pauline Davis.

And those on the Honor List: Seniors—Orba Mendenhall, Florine Smith, Lorine Smith, Harold Griggs, Russell Thompson, Mary K. Haselwood.

Freshman—Homer Outs, Freddie Hornbuckle.

Eighth Grade—Beatrice Sherman.

McFall

The English 'A' class is taking up Journalism the last semester.

Our typewriting class is writing notebooks and special blank forms, as part of their work at this time.

The McFall boy's and girl's teams will play Pattonsburg teams here Friday night, January 21, on the high school court.

Twenty seven boys and girls of the High School have won the first badge test. Some are working on the State Letter.

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have been organized this year. Cynthia Cooper, is guardian and Dorothy Gryn is assistant guardian. The first camp, Ekolela, has ten members; the second camp, Chedekchamany, has twenty members.

More work is being done now since a study period before school and at noon has been adopted.

Nishnebotna High School

There was a double header basketball game played by the Irish Grove and Nishnebotna teams last Friday night, on the home court. The final score of the girls' game was 14-5 in favor of Irish Grove. The final score of the boys' game was 26-15 in favor of Nishnebotna. A good grade of sportsmanship was displayed by both schools.

The box score was as follows:

Nishnebotna Boys:

Player	Points
Brooks C.	forward 12
Ray H.	forward 3
Huffman	center 7
Brooks E.	guard 2
Ray D.	guard 2

Irish Grove Boys:

Player	Points
Thompson	2
Jones	2
Waites	9
Close	2
Bennington	0
Hoyens	0
Hathorne	0

The Agriculture class is now studying the Best Methods of Feeding Live-stock.

The English III class is studying the Puritan Age in English literature and reading some of the writings of that period.

There will be a basketball game between the Corning Town Team and the Rockport Cardinals played on the Nishnebotna court, Tuesday night, January 18th.

Luther Fry, Tula and Woodrow Cole were promoted from the fourth to the fifth grade, Monday, January 17th.

The eighth grade is making posters in agriculture class.

Gilman City High School

The Gilman City Debating Team, consisting of Blondell Wagoner and Wilton Nighswonger, accompanied by Supt. Lucadocke, Misses Lindsey and Carmer of the High School faculty went to Laredo, Mo. Tuesday night, Jan. 18. The local team was defeated by a vote of two to one. This is the first defeat of the season. Gilman is still in the State League. Their next debate will be at Gilman with Galt, Jan. 25.

The Gilman City band gave a con-

cert at the Rex Theatre Jan. 4. Several numbers were given by the music students of the High School. The Girls Glee Club sang "Come Where the Lillies Bloom." The Girls Quartette sang "Lend a Hand" and "Jack and Jill." The Boys Quartette sang, "When Your Note Falls Due", and "Down in Mobile." A piano duet, entitled "The Witch's Frolic" was played by Miss Thompson, music supervisor, and Mrs. Charlene Harrison. The Glee Clubs and Music Class are planning to give a concert in the near future.

A play entitled "The Treasure Farm" will be given by the basketball teams at the Rex Theatre soon. The money received will aid in defraying the expenses incurred by transportation and equipment.

A number of the girls of the High School accompanied by two members of the faculty, hiked to Bethany, Friday, Jan. 7. The girls who made the trip were: Velma Nighswonger, Hazel Tedlock, Jewell Haun, Anna Mary Dunn, Susie Pilley, and the teachers, Miss Dunn and Miss Thompson. A good time was reported, as was a number of blistered heels.

The second quarter grade cards were issued Jan. 17. Supt. Lucadocke reports that, as a whole the grades were raised.

Two more boys have been awarded the Super State Letter. They are: Philip Pilley and Charlie Mjner. This makes a total of three Super Letters held by the Seniors, the other, Wilton Nighswonger won his some time ago.

The Gilman Basket Ball boys, motoried to Bethany, Fri., Jan. 14, to play the Bethany High School team. The first half of the game was hard fought. When the whistle was blew at the end of the first half the score was 15 to 13 in favor of Gilman. The last half, the boys of Gilman showed their "stuff" and the final score was 34 to 19 in favor of Gilman.

Saturday night, Jan 15, the Pattonsburg team came to Gilman and a hard fought game was the result. The score at the end of the first half stood 8 to 7 in favor of Gilman. Both teams went into the last half with a determination to win but Gilman boys again showed their "stuff." Ray Shepard shot a goal 40 seconds before the final whistle



blew. This was the winning goal for Gilman and the score stood 15 to 13 in our favor.

The Girls Basket Ball team was defeated by the Pattonsburg girls Saturday, Jan. 15, at the school gymnasium. The game from the start was very close. In the third quarter, our guard Velma Nighswonger was put out on account of personal fouls. The score

was tied when Velma went out, and from then on Gilman made no score, but Pattonsburg added 7 points to their score. This game was a very strenuous one. We meet Pattonsburg on their own court, Jan. 28.

Bethany girls will play Gilman at Gilman, Friday night, Jan. 21st. Everyone is looking forward to a hard fast game.

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